



**CITY OF LONG LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Adams.

Present: Chair: Adams; Commission Members: Hughes, See, Secord, and Keating; City Administrator Weske; City Planning Consultant Imihy; and City Clerk Jeanette Moeller

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Secord moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Keating seconded. Ayes: all.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Keating seconded. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

Susan Forsans, 37 Creekside Drive – Ms. Forsans asked when the public would be made aware of the plans for the City. She stated that the only thing she knows is that Long Lake should be a walking town which she assumes is the reasons for the 30 mph speed limits.

Chair Adams stated that the lower speed limits are primarily for safety reasons. He stated that all planning activities in virtually all municipalities today include making communities more walkable and bikeable because that is what people want.

Ms. Forsans stated that she would really like to see some form of a convenience or grocery store in the community that is pedestrian friendly and located in the downtown area. Commissioners and staff referenced examples of walkable convenience and grocery destinations already in town, including Orono Station and Harvest Moon.

Chair Adams stated that he thinks that is a great idea, but the Planning Commission and the Council cannot drive that type of business, and development interest is focused on

economics. He stated that with the new development coming to the downtown area there may be more of an opportunity for this type of business to come in as well.

Ms. Forsans stated that she would also like to see some sort of public recreation place and referenced how the Buckhorn used to be a destination for people in the area to come and hang out and bowl.

Chair Adams reiterated that these were great ideas but the City cannot lead and control this type of development. He stated that if the zoning supports it, the City can welcome it, but cannot do it. He agreed that there isn't really a place in the area for teenagers to hang out.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Reschedule March Planning Commission Meeting

Chair Adams noted that the March Planning Commission will need to be rescheduled due to the Presidential Primary election. He suggested moving it to Thursday, March 19, 2020.

Commissioner Keating moved to reschedule the March Planning Commission meeting to Thursday, March 19, 2020. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

B. Planning Case #2020-02/Request for Approval of a Preliminary and Final Plat Combining Lots Located at 500 Willow Drive and 510 Willow Drive W (John Davis, Professional Asphalt Services/Davis Industries)

Planning Consultant explained that staff had found the application to be incomplete, so what was included in the packet is a copy of the incomplete letter detailing the items missing from the application. She stated that because the public hearing had already been noticed, staff is recommending that the Commission table this item until the March 19, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Keating moved to table discussion of Planning Case #2020-02/Request for Approval of a Preliminary and Final Plat combining lots located at 500 Willow Drive and 510 Willow Drive until the March 19, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Hughes seconded. Ayes: all.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Council Liaison Report

City Administrator Weske noted that Council member Skjaret is traveling and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Secord asked what happened at the EDA meeting with the three site proposals for Virginia Avenue. City Administrator Weske noted that the EDA narrowed the choices down to two and asked for additional information from those developers to be heard at a future meeting. The Commission discussed the remaining two development projects for the Virginia Avenue area.

B. Commission Member Business

None.

C. Staff Business

Planning Consultant Imihy informed Commissioners that tonight will be her last night working with the City because she has accepted a position with the City of Shakopee. The Commission thanked Planning Consultant Imihy for her work with the City and expressed their sadness that she would be leaving. Planning Consultant Imihy stated that her replacement with the City will be Hannah Rybak whom she thinks will be a good fit for the City because of her experience and style.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Keating moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Commissioner Secord seconded. Ayes: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator